

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8581–S8606

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1785–1798, and S. Res. 314–316. **Pages S8601–02**

Measures Passed:

Supreme Court Police: Senate passed H.R. 2922, to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds. **Page S8605**

Southern Judicial District of Mississippi: Senate passed H.R. 2871, to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency. **Page S8605**

Authorizing Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S8605–06**

Measures Considered:

Workforce Investment Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth. **Pages S8581–83**

Pillard Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S8594–95**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S8594**

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By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8595**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2013; and that time during adjournment count post-cloture. **Page S8606**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 247), Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S8583–84, S8606**

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 252), Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years. **Pages S8586–93, S8606**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Pages S8584–85**

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By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate upheld the ruling of the Chair that under precedent set by the Senate on Thursday, November 21, 2013, the threshold for cloture on nominations, not including those of the Supreme Court, is now a majority. Subsequently, Senator McConnell motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was rejected. **Page S8585**

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8585–86**

Messages from the House: **Page S8600**

Measures Referred: **Page S8600**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: Pages S8599–S8600

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S8605

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today.
(Total—255) Pages S8584–86, S8593–95

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8606.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ASSISTANCE FOR JORDAN AND LEBANON

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine assistance for Jordan and Lebanon, after receiving testimony from Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration; Alia Bouran, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States, Amman; Antoine Chedid, Ambassador of the Lebanese Republic to the United States, Beirut; and Andrew Harper, and Ewen Macleod, both of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New York, New York.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on the fundamentals of transferring credit risk in a future housing finance system, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Wanda DeLeo, Deputy Director, Division of Conservatorship, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Kevin Palmer, Freddie Mac, Leesburg, Virginia; Laurel Davis, Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.; Ted Durrant, MGIC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Sandeep Bordia, Barclays, Udaipur, India.

CRAFTING A SUCCESSFUL INCENTIVE AUCTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine crafting

a successful incentive auction, focusing on the stakeholders' perspectives, after receiving testimony from Gary Epstein, Special Advisor and Chair, Incentive Auction Task Force, Federal Communications Commission; Joan Marsh, AT&T, Hal J. Singer, Progressive Policy Institute, Steven K. Berry, Competitive Carriers Association, Rick Kaplan, National Association of Broadcasters, and Harold Feld, Public Knowledge, all of Washington, D.C.; and Preston Padden, Expanding Opportunities for Broadcasters Coalition, Boulder, Colorado.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the transition in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James F. Dobbins, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Donald L. Sampler, Assistant to the Administrator and Director of the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warren, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3683–3692; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 70; and H. Res. 435–436 were introduced. **Pages H7627–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7628**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7611**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Department of Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Lease Authorization Act of 2013: H.R. 3521, amended, to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 346 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 630 and **Pages H7612–14, H7617–18**

Veterans Paralympic Act of 2013: H.R. 1402, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 353 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 631.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and for other purposes.” **Page H7619**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H7617**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H7618 and H7618–19.

Quorum Calls—Votes:

Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages . There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ONLINE GAMING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The State of Online Gaming”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 3527, the “Poison Center Network Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1098, the “Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act”. H.R. 3527 was forwarded, without amendment; and H.R. 1098 was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on the following measures: H.R. 3527, the “Poison Center Network Act of 2013”; H.R. 1098, the “Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 724, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles; H.R. 3683, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to strengthen the collaboration between the United States and Israel on energy development and to bolster the existing United States-Israel energy relationship by encouraging increased cooperation between the two countries; H.R. 3675, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3674, the “Federal Spectrum Incentive Act of 2013”.

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN EGYPT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Human Rights Abuses in Egypt”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Iran Nuclear Deal: Does It Further U.S. National Security?”. Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State, Department of State.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine rebuilding American manufacturing, 3:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 9:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, and Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine streamlining overseas trade and development agencies, focusing on a more efficient and effective government, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine continued oversight of the United States government surveillance authorities, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, and Myrna Perez, of Texas, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Veterans Affairs (VA) claims system, focusing on

a review of the Veterans Affairs' transformation progress, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from medication labeling mistakes, 3:45 p.m., SD-562.

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Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on U.S. Asia-Pacific Strategic Considerations Related to P.L.A. Naval Forces Modernization, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "PPACA Implementation Failures: What's Next?", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Full Committee, continued markup on the following measures: H.R. 3527, the "Poison Center Network Act of 2013"; H.R. 1098, the "Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 724, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles; H.R. 3683, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to strengthen the collaboration between the United States and Israel on energy development and to bolster the existing United States-Israel energy relationship by encouraging increased cooperation between the two countries; H.R. 3675, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013"; and H.R. 3674, the "Federal Spectrum Incentive Act of 2013", 12:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Afghanistan 2014: Year of Transition", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 418, Urging the Government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma; and H. Res. 281, Expressing concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience, in the People's Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Establishing a Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum", 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "A Factual Look at the Relationship Between Climate and Weather", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the following measures: H.R. 2413, the "Weather Forecasting Improvement Act of 2013"; H.R. 2431, the "National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2013", H.R. 2981, the "Technology and Research Accelerating National Security and Future Economic Resiliency Act of 2013"; and H.R. 3625, to provide for termination liability costs for certain National Aeronautics and Space Administration projects, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Small Business Health Options Program: Is It Working for Small Businesses”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Coast Guard Mission Execution: How is the Coast Guard Meeting Its Mission Goals?”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highway and Transit, hearing entitled “Examining the Current and Future Demands on FTA’s Capital Investment Grants”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Contracting Away Accountability—Reverse Auctions in Federal Agency Acquisitions”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine resolving crises in East Asia through a new system of collective security, focusing on the Helsinki process as a model, 1 p.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Wednesday, December 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Cornelia T.L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, post-cloture. If all post-cloture time is used, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 1 a.m., on Thursday, December 12, 2013.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 11

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: (1) H.R. 2319—Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act of 2013; (2) S. 1471—Alicia Dawn Koehl Respect for National Cemeteries Act; (3) H.R. 3212—Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013, as amended; (4) H.R. 1992—Israel QME Enhancement Act, as amended; and (5) H.R. 2019—Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act of 2013, as amended.

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